

REMARKS

This application has been amended in a manner that is believed to place it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

Claims 1-35 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-4, 10, 11, 13-19, 26, and 29-35 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the present invention. Claims 5-9, 12, 20-25, 27, and 28 have been withdrawn from consideration.

The outstanding Official Action rejected claims 1-4, 10, 11, 13-19, 26, and 29-35 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention. Applicants believe that the present amendment obviates this rejection.

Claims 1, 16, 19, and 31 were rejected for reciting the term "preferably". The claims have been amended so that this term is no longer recited. Applicants believe that claims 1, 16, 19 and 31 have been amended in a manner so that they are definite to one skilled in the art.

Claims 16, 17, and 19 also were rejected in the Office Action for reciting the words "preferably" and "particularly". The claims have been amended so that the words "particularly" and "preferably" are no longer recited. As a result, Applicants

believe that the present amendment obviates the Office Action's rejection.

The Office Action similarly rejected claim 30 for reciting the terms "particularly" and "type". Applicants amended claim 30 so that these terms are no longer recited. Applicants respectfully submit that the present amendment obviates the rejection.

The Office Action further rejected claim 19 due to the inclusion of the term "such as, for example" rendering the claim vague. Applicants amended claim 19 to delete this phrase. As such, Applicants believe that the present amendment obviates the rejection of this claim.

Claim 29 was rejected as being indefinite for containing the term "[lacunae]". Applicants have amended this claim so that the term is deleted. Applicants respectfully submit that the present amendment obviates the rejection of claim 29.

In the outstanding Official Action, the Examiner also objected to the Abstract of the disclosure because the last sentence did not contain a verb. Applicants have amended the Abstract by adding a verb to the last sentence. Applicants respectfully submit that the present amendment obviates the Examiner's rejection.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, therefore, it is believed that the present application now is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner respectfully is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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**APPENDIX:**

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

☒ - a new or amended Abstract of the Disclosure